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FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Garcia

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Bill Status: Senate HHS
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Bill Topic: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS LICENSING

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill creates an emergency medical service provider license as a professional credential that is available to providers that hold a four-year bachelor's degree. The bill increases state workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) issues certifications to emergency medical service (EMS) providers. The bill creates an EMS license as a professional credential that is available to EMS providers that hold a four-year bachelor's degree. An EMS provider may apply to the CDPHE for licensure on or after January 1, 2021. The State Board of Health will adopt rules concerning implementation of the licensure program. The bill applies certain provisions related to EMS certificates to EMS licenses, and updates the background check process for EMS providers.

Background

Colorado currently has 18,515 certified EMS providers. Certifications are valid for three years from the date of issuance. There are an average of 2,020 first-time certifications and 3,729 renewals per year.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload for the State Board of Health in the CDPHE to adopt rules for EMS licensure, and for the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division in the CDPHE to convert some certifications to licenses ahead of the typical three-year renewal cycle, but not before January 1, 2021. Both components will require a minimal amount of work that can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon passage, except that two conforming provisions take effect only if House Bill 19-1172 becomes law, in which case they take effect October 1, 2019.

State and Local Government Contacts

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